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## SAMPLES TO RECEIVE SIGNUM FIDEI MEDAL

William and Helene Sample, who founded and operate the Sunshine Foundation, will receive the 40th annual Signum Fidei medal at the Alumni Awards dinner November 20 on campus, it was announced by Alumni President John J. Fallon, '67.

The purpose of the foundation is to make the dreams of terminally and chronically ill children come true.

William Sample, a Philadelphia police officer, after first hand observation of dying children at St. Christopher's Hospital, developed a strong desire to try to make the final days of such youngsters more enjoyable. He conceived the Sunshine Foundation in 1976. From the beginning his wife, Helene, has been deeply involved along with him. Both devote the majority of their free time to administering the organization, whose steady growth amply demonstrates it is fulfilling a need.

The most popular desire of the children has been to visit Disney World and hundreds have made the trip, with their families, all expenses paid by the foundation. Naturally, the foundation has proven to be a Godsend to parents who have been drained economically by a destructive illness.

The foundation now has 60 volunteers and four chapters in Philadelphia and Bensalem, Pa. and Williamstown and Vineland, N.J. These volunteers help handle requests and raise funds for the organization.



*William and Helene Sample*

The Signum Fidei Medal has been awarded annually since 1942 and derives its name from the motto of the Brothers of Christian Schools—"sign of faith." It is given to recognize personal achievement in harmony with the established aims of La Salle College and is conferred each year on an individual who has made "most noteworthy contributions to the advancement of humanitarian principles in keeping with the Christian tradition."

Chairperson of this year's Selection Committee was Marie K. Parrott, Esq., '73. The Committee's choice was endorsed by the Alumni Board of Directors.

The medal will be presented at the annual Alumni Awards dinner in the College Union Ballroom at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening, November 20.

Membership in the Alpha Epsilon Alumni Honor Society will be conferred on selected members of the Class of 1982 at the dinner, also.

Tickets for the dinner are \$12.00 per person and may be purchased at the Alumni Office. Mail requests (accompanied by check payable to La Salle College) should be received by the Alumni Office by November 13.

### DOWNTOWN CLUB TO HEAR CONGRESSMAN DOUGHERTY

Charles Dougherty, Republican Congressman from Philadelphia's 4th district, will inaugurate the Alumni Downtown Club's 1981-82 season on October 9 when he speaks to the membership at a luncheon at the Engineers' Club, 1317 Spruce Street.

The charge for the luncheon is \$7.00 and reservations may be made by calling the Alumni Office (951-1535).

Club Chairman John J. Pettit, reappointed by the new Alumni Association President John J. Fallon, has announced that the Dougherty luncheon will be followed by a Christmas party in early December and by the usual joint luncheons with the alumni of Villanova University (January 26) and St. Joseph's (February 12).



*Rep. Charles Dougherty*



## MIHALICH, REARDON TO MEET SUBURBANITES

The Suburban Club's first luncheon of the year will be at noon on Friday, October 2 at the Hungry Pilgrim Restaurant, Ridge and Butler Pikes. Professor Joseph C. Mihalich, whose book *Sports and Athletics: Philosophy in Action* will be published this Fall by Littlefield, Adams Company, will be the guest speaker. Reservations are \$5.00 per person and may be made by calling the Alumni Office, 951-1535.

On Thursday evening, November 5, Dr. John F. Reardon, Associate Professor of Accounting and an active participant in the Pre-College Counseling program, will be the guest speaker at a 7:00 p.m. dinner to be held at Bentley's, Routes 202 and 63 in North Wales. Reservations for the dinner (\$10.00 per person) also may be made through the Alumni Office.

## CONCERT AND LECTURE SERIES

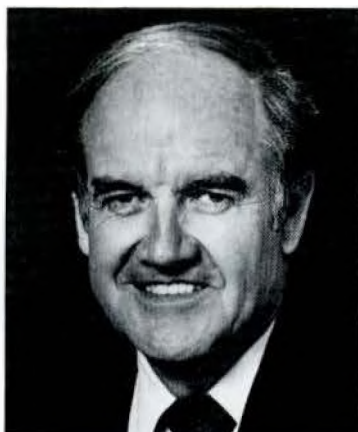
Brother Emery C. Mollenhauer, Provost, has announced the Fall Concert and Lecture series schedule. Alumni are invited to attend these programs, all of which are scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on campus. Unless otherwise indicated they will take place in the new College Union Multi-Purpose Room.

Former U.S. Senator George McGovern will inaugurate the series on September 16 when he will appear in the C.U. Theatre to speak on "The Cold War Reconsidered."

On September 23 a representative of the State Department will discuss developments in U.S. policy regarding El Salvador.

Erik von Kuehnelt-Leddihn, whose column "From the Continent" appears regularly in the *National Review*, on September 30 will consider "The Five Wounds of Latin-America."

On October 7 the President's Forum, an open meeting for discussion of campus concerns with



Senator George McGovern

Brother Patrick Ellis, will be held in C.U. 217.

On October 14 clarinetist John Russo will appear in the Art Gallery, along with string quartet members of the Chamber Art Soloists, to present a program of Mozart and Jacob.

"The Christian Churches and the Middle East Conflict" will be the topic of Larry Ekin on October 21 in C.U. 217. Mr. Ekin is an associate editor of the *Middle East Research & Information Project Reports* and is on the staff of the Methodist Seminar Program at the UN Church Center.

On October 28 "Women I Have Known" will feature actress Tulis McCall in the C.U. Theatre. Ms. McCall relates stories of famous and obscure women in our history, including Nelly Bly, Sojourner Truth, Calamity Jane Hickok and Katherine Hepburn.

On November 4, Historian John Lukacs will consider "What's Happening in Poland?" He will examine historic changes in that country as viewed first-hand on his recent visit there.

## GAELIC SOCIETY

The Gaelic Society, an Irish cultural society on campus, would like to add interested alumni to their mailing list.

Organized in 1979, the society has offered slide shows and lectures on the art, history and literature of Ireland and has sponsored two concerts: the Sean O'Neill

Quartet(1980) and Eamonn McGirr and Danny Doyle (1978).

Alumni wishing a copy of this year's program should write to: the Gaelic Society, La Salle College, Campus Box 681, Philadelphia, Pa. 19141.

## VEEN OFFERS HAWAII PLUS

The Special Activities office is offering one and two week trips to Hawaii departing from Philadelphia every Saturday, starting December 19, from \$499, it was announced by Director John H. Veen. These trips are open to all students, alumni and their families.

Sunday afternoon information meetings on Hawaii are planned for September 13 and 20 and October 11. Film, discussion and refreshments will be featured on these dates in Olney 100 at 2:00 p.m.

South American trips to Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay will be the topic of a September 27 meeting at 2:00 p.m. in Olney 100. Again film, discussion and refreshments will be presented.

For further information on any of these Sunday meetings or a complete list of travel programs for the year, call the Special Activities Office, 951-1580.

## FALLON ELECTED PRESIDENT

At its May 13 meeting the Alumni Board of Directors elected Association officers for the coming year. Former Executive Vice President John J. Fallon, '67, a Mathematics teacher at Philadelphia Girl's High, was elected President replacing Terence K. Heaney, '63, who was named to a five year term on the College's Board of Trustees.

Other officers elected were: Philip E. Hughes, Jr., '71, Executive Vice President; Donald J. Rongione, '79, Vice President; Anthony W. Martin, '74, Secretary; and Paul J. Kelly, III, '78, Treasurer.

New representatives to the Alumni Board from the Class of '81 are: Andrea Cholewiak, Gregory Nowak, John Rossi, Jane Ruane and Steven Snyder.

## BRO. CHARLES GRESH ASSUMES ANNUAL FUND POST

After an absence of nine years, Brother Charles E. Gresh, F.S.C. has returned to campus as Director of the Annual Fund. He succeeds Brother Gene Graham, F.S.C., who will continue as Producer of the Masque and Summer Music Theater. Brother Gene also will join the English Department.

In addition to teaching English at La Salle from 1966 to 1972, Brother Gresh was prominent in the Student Affairs area as Residence Director of St. Albert's Hall, Director of Housing and Dean of Students. Prior to his new appointment, he completed three terms as president of St. John's College, a preparatory school for boys in Washington, D.C.

When asked about his Annual Fund plans for 1981-82, Brother Gresh said: "It has been encouraging for



*Bro. Charles Gresh, F.S.C.*

me to witness La Salle's phenomenal growth in the vital and challenging area of alumni giving. Despite the recent spiralling financial crunch, last year's opening of the Campaign for the 80's was obviously successful; however, the number of donors failed to grow in the same spectacular way as the amount given. Hopefully, in the

coming years, this can be remedied through a greater number of phonathons, personal solicitation, the re-establishment of the senior gift program, the organization of class agents and alumni out-of-town chapters."

"In talking to many alumni on my return to La Salle, I sense that many of them delay a contribution until they feel they are in a position to donate a sizeable sum. In reality, LaSalle is helped enormously by a contribution of any size. This is, I feel, especially true today since one criterion of many foundations issuing grants to colleges depends on the number of alumni who are contributors."

"May I add that I will be happy indeed if I can be instrumental in getting more alumni involved in giving to the Alma Mater we all love."

### THE ALUMNI PHONATHON

**What is it?** The Phonathon is the primary means of the Annual Fund solicitation for La Salle. Phonathons are people events that communicate to fellow alumni directly. It teaches the volunteer and those called a great deal about La Salle, the Campaign for the 80's and the related needs of each.

**Who can volunteer?** Any La Salle graduate.

**Where are phonathons held?** Convenient center-city office buildings, or on-campus.

**How much time is involved?** Each session is preceded by dinner/instruction followed by a 7 to 9 p.m. phoning session.

**How many volunteers needed?** At least 25 callers are needed for each session.

#### What are the dates?

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. September 29 | 11. *February 9  |
| 2. October 1    | 12. *February 11 |
| 3. October 13   | 13. *February 23 |
| 4. October 15   | 14. *February 25 |
| 5. October 27   | 15. *March 16    |
| 6. October 29   | 16. *March 18    |
| 7. November 10  | 17. *March 30    |
| 8. November 12  | 18. *April 1     |
| 9. January 19   |                  |
| 10. January 21  | *La Salle Campus |

**How do you volunteer?** Complete the form below. Then mail to the address below. (or Phone: 951-1539)



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

My 1st choice is \_\_\_\_\_ My 2nd choice is \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Annual Fund Office  
La Salle College  
Philadelphia, PA 19141

Attention: Brother Charles E. Gresh, F.S.C.



## PRE-SEASON BASKETBALL PROSPECTUS

Bill Hunt

Sports Information Director

Basketball Coach Dave "Lefty" Ervin faces yet another rebuilding year in 1981-82. Picked last year by virtually everyone to finish last in the Big 5 (after the loss of Brooks, Connolly, Kanaskie, et al), the Explorers pulled off two of the biggest upsets locally, defeating Villanova and St. Joseph's and forcing a first-ever five way tie in the Big 5.

Ervin's 14-13 club also upset Duquesne, Dayton and Xavier and almost pulled off major upsets against DePaul and Notre Dame, losing to the Blue Demons by just seven points and dropping a one-point decision to the Irish at Notre Dame's Athletic and Convocation Center.

The 1981-82 Explorers will be tested early—and on the road.

In December "Lefty" will take his team to four different states and also participate in three tournaments. Only two home dates are sandwiched between visits to Durham, N.C., Provo, Ut., San Francisco, Ca., Santa Clara, Ca., and New Haven, Ct.

"It will be an extreme test for our youthful but talented players," comments Ervin. "We will really have to be ready early."

Adding to the problem of having his team prepared for the early season tests, is the fact that Ervin must replace four starters from last year's team. Gone are guards Kevin Lynam, a first-team All-ECC and All-Big Five selection and Greg Webster, the quarterback of the team. Forwards Don Word and Stanley Williams have also finished their La Salle hoop careers. Of the forwards, Williams will be especially hard to replace, as the second-team All-ECC and All-Big Five choice was both the leading scorer and rebounder for La Salle last year.

A key to the effectiveness of the Explorers in '81-82 will be the



Coach Ervin

continued progress of 7'1" center Tom Piotrowski, the lone starter returning for Ervin. "Tom has to take on more of the scoring this season, and that is directly related to his ability to stay out of foul trouble," appraises Ervin. Piotrowski averaged 7.6 points per game last season, but with 71.4 per cent of the team's total scoring graduated, the big center must take on more of an offensive role.

An area that should not trouble the Explorers this year is rebounding, with 6'8" Brent Hagwood returning for his sophomore year and the arrival of 6'8" Albert Butts from Frederick Military Academy. Hagwood showed flashes of brilliance as a freshman and his continued improvement will definitely help the Explorers, while Butts brings impressive credentials from military school.

The small forward slot has several candidates, including sophomore Phil Burton, junior Dave Kerins and junior college transfer Carlton Clark. The smooth Burton and the rugged Kerins have experience on their side.

With scoring being a major void to be filled by Ervin, freshman Steve Black could see plenty of playing time early. The 6'3" guard is "very capable of scoring immediately" according to Ervin, but junior Dave Davis and senior Paul Harter have shown improvement throughout their La Salle careers and will

contribute from the guard positions. Steve Namiotka, a walk-on last year, will also battle to see playing time this season.

The point guard is a position which will be wide open when fall practice begins. Junior Ralph Gilmore has seen sparse action in his first two years, but has learned the position in practice and may have the inside track. Freshman Pete Tiano, although standing at 6'3", has the tools to handle the point capably.

There will be many questions that Ervin and his staff must answer between the opening of practice and the season's first contest at Duke University. There is a void in offense because of graduation, but that is not the coach's main concern. According to Ervin, "Butts and Black are very capable of scoring immediately, and Burton, Piotrowski and Hagwood will improve."

Improvement then, seems to be what the third year coach is looking for most. "We will get better as the season progresses and I am sure we will work very, very hard," says Ervin. With a note of caution, however, he adds, "I would hate to see us come out of December with tough losses which could hurt our confidence."

### ALUMNI BOOSTERS

Last year a group of basketball enthusiasts within the all-sports Explorer Club formed a basketball booster committee within that organization. Their purpose was to promote attendance at home and away games and to sponsor such related activities as the post-season awards dinner.

This year, by mutual decision, the booster committee becomes a separate organization. They are looking for two things: a name and more members. The name will be chosen at a September 15 meeting. Those interested in becoming members should call the Athletic Department (951-1515) for information.

## EXPLORATIONS

Which athletes did La Salle recruit this year? Who are the new coaches? How about the schedules?

For answers to these questions and information on all of the College's twenty-two Intercollegiate Athletic Programs, coaches, athletes and alumni a subscription to *Explorations* is a must.

The annual subscription rate of \$15 will get you five issues of *Explorations* during the year and provide you with the latest scoop on what's happening with the Explorers.

Please send your check to the La Salle College Athletic Department. The first issue, including a recruiting update and schedules, will be mailed in September.

## TRAVEL WITH THE TEAM

Through the cooperation of the Athletic department and the Special Activities office, trips have been

planned around December basketball tournaments in San Francisco and Connecticut.

The trip to San Francisco and the "Golden Gate Invitational" leaves December 17 and returns December 23. The tournament at the University of San Francisco also includes teams from Iona and Rice



Universities and is scheduled December 18-19. An additional game is set with Santa Clara on December 22.

The cost for the west coast junket is \$587 per person—double occupancy, with a children's rate (ages 2-11) of \$283. The price includes round trip air fare, 6 nights lodging at the Holiday Inn Gateway, an all day sightseeing tour, a cruise on San Francisco Bay, portage and tax.

The Connecticut Mutual Classic will be at the Hartford Civic Center, December 29-30. The trip will leave by chartered bus or train on December 28, and return December 31. It includes three nights at the Sheraton Hartford (which is connected to the Civic Center and an enclosed shopping mall and has a heated pool), portage and tax. The charge is \$164 per person—double occupancy; children (ages 2-11), \$69.

Other teams in the tourney are St. Bonaventure, the University of South Florida (Tampa) and the University of Connecticut.

## 1981-82 LA SALLE COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

### DECEMBER

2	Wed.	Duke	Durham, NC
5	SAT.	DELAWARE	PALESTRA
7	Mon.	Bucknell	Lewisburg, PA
8	TUES.	WEST CHESTER	PALESTRA
11	Fri. &	Cougar Classic	Provo, UT
12	Sat.	(Brigham Young, Western Carolina, Idaho State)	
18	Fri. &	Golden Gate Classic	San Francisco, CA
19	Sat.	(San Francisco, Iona, Rice)	
22	Tues.	Santa Clara	Santa Clara, CA
29	Tues. &	Connecticut Mutual Classic	New Haven, CT
30	Wed.	(Connecticut, St. Bonaventure, Univ. of South Florida-Tampa)	

### JANUARY

4	MON.	NOTRE DAME	PALESTRA
9	Sat.	Lafayette	Easton, PA
12	TUES.	AMERICAN	PALESTRA
14	Thurs.	Rider	Lawrenceville, N.J.
19	TUES.	PENNSYLVANIA	PALESTRA
27	WED.	VILLANOVA	PALESTRA
30	Sat.	Duquesne	Pittsburgh, PA

### FEBRUARY

3	WED.	CANISIUS	PALESTRA
6	Sat.	Dayton	Dayton, OH
8	MON.	LEHIGH	HAYMAN HALL
13	SAT.	ST. JOSEPH'S	PALESTRA
16	Tues.	Holstra	Hempstead, NY
20	SAT.	TEMPLE	PALESTRA
24	WED.	DREXEL	HAYMAN HALL
27	Sat.	Stetson	Deland, FL



## ALUMNI CALENDAR

Basketball Booster organization meeting .....	September 15
Alumni Board of Directors meeting .....	September 16
Pittsburgh luncheon meeting (ten.) .....	September 30
Suburban Club luncheon (Prof. Mihalich) .....	October 2
Downtown Club luncheon (Congressman Dougherty) .....	October 9
Suburban Club dinner (J. Reardon) .....	November 5
Open House on Campus .....	November 8
Alumni Board of Directors meeting .....	November 11
Class Reunion Committees meetings .....	November 16-17
Annual Awards dinner .....	November 20

### LA SALLE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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